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450 ENGINEERS TAKE PART IN THIRD LECTURE SERIES COURSES

Newark, Trenton and Woodlynne Scenes of Group Instruction During February and March

A well rounded program of lectures and demonstrations, dealing with many phases of road building, was offered to the field men who attended the third lecture series. As in former years, the main sessions were held in Newark, Trenton, and Woodlynne. This year's dates were March 7, 14, 21, and 28.

In addition to the lectures on these dates, William J. Ryan arranged for demonstrations of bituminous pavers which were held in Newark, Fernwood, and Merchantville on February 23, 24, and 25. These demonstrations were conducted by J. L. Stevenson and George Black, representing the Barber-Greene and Adnuin companies and were attended by approximately 450 interested employees.

The Lecture Series, which was coordinated by Julius J. Newmark, was divided into the north, central, and southern districts. The general chairman and assistants in each district were as follows: northern district — Herbert K. Englishman, chairman, assisted by H. N. Rigby, Howard Koons, and David Pettigrew; central district — Samuel E. Bullock, chairman, assisted by J. E. Kersey, H. E. Phillips, George Jorgensen, Oliver Doll, and J. H. Hulse; southern district — J. A. Williams, chairman, assisted by Harry Marvin, Leland Buzby, and J. W. Kelly.

Subject matter consisted of, "Latest Advances in Concrete Pavement Construction," by Leon E. Andrews, Regional Highway Engineer, Portland Cement Assn.; "Practical Application of Soil Mechanics," James R. Schuyler and Edward A. Henderson, Principal Engineers, Soils Division; "The Role of the Laboratory in Highway Construction," by W. J. Ryan and J. C. Reed; Fred H. Baumann took part in the discussion and answer period pertaining to this subject.

W. M. Wagner discussed "Economics of Highways and Toll Roads," while "Right-of-Way Acquisition and Its Relation to Highway and Parkway Construction" was the subject of the lecture delivered by John W. Aymar and Thomas A. Stewart. "Parkway Standards and Construction" was the subject discussed by Parkway Engineer Oliver Deakin.

A unique feature of this year's lecture series was the round-table discussion on the subject, "Relationship and Cooperation between Contractor and Engineer," which was conducted by Harry D. Robbins, representing the Department, assisted by John H. Mathews, president of the Associated General Contractors of New Jersey, Charles H. Hollenbeck, representing the Franklin Construction Company, and M. G. Redman of the Villa Contracting Company.

A general question and answer period followed all lectures and Highway Department men participated in the general discussion regarding the relationship between contractors and engineers.

Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., opened the first meeting at Trenton with a short address in which he discussed briefly the results of the Association of Highway Officials of North Atlantic States' recent Boston convention. State Highway Engineer Charles M. Noble and Assistant Highway Engineer Edward W. Kilpatrick also addressed the conferences.

Guards In Front As Finish Nears

Tight Race Sees GI's In Second Spot

With only three weeks remaining, the Fernwood Guards have a three-game lead in late stages of the battle for first place in the State Highway Bowling League. Holding second spot by the slim margin of two games over the third place White Line team is the G. I. aggregation.

A recent sweepstakes resulted in the G. I.'s winning with a plus 107 followed by the Guards with plus 104. High single team game was won by Guards with plus 133.

The individual high game was Tony Crea with a plus 104, while R. Dilts had the low with minus 103. Sweepstakes are decided on the number of pins scored above or below the season's average.

The team standing in the final stages of the race follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Guards	47	28
G. I.'s	44	31
White Line	42	33
Machine Shop	41	34
Electrical	40	35
Equipment	37	38
Inspection	25	50
Painters	24	51

North Jersey Group Forms Credit Union

Following in the footsteps of Highway employees of the Trenton area, the men and women of the Newark offices have organized the North Jersey State Highway Credit Union.

At their first meeting the following officers were named to serve for a period of one year: Charles Hultman, president; Edward Houghton, vice-president; Gene Conduso, treasurer; Mary Chamberlain, secretary.

The board of directors named at this time are Francis Cirillo, Peter Lutz, Joseph Natale, and Anthony Zache. An auditing committee and a credit committee were also elected. The first consists of Fredwin Baker, Leonard Greene, and Edward Winkler. The credit committee consists of Louis Becker, Frank Bird, Juan Delgado, John Meyer, and Ralph Perry.

At present there are 48 shareholders with deposits totaling \$1,963.16. Loans to date total \$625.

MRS. LAURA W. GROVER

Deepest sympathies are extended to A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk and Secretary, upon the death of his mother, Mrs. Laura W. Grover, on March 20. Mrs. Grover, who resided with her daughter in Palmyra, would have celebrated her 82nd birthday on March 22, the day funeral services were held in Cranbury. Interment took place in Dutch Neck, N. J.

Zoning and Roadside Control

The Supreme Court of New Jersey in an opinion rendered last month by its Chief Justice, Arthur T. Vanderbilt, has just made history and recorded a notable milestone in roadside control. The case originated with the Borough of Creskill in Bergen County which sought originally by ordinance to exclude all heavy industry from its borders. The former Supreme Court set aside the zoning ordinance under the old Constitution. The Borough appealed from the ruling to the present Supreme Court under the new Constitution. By a unanimous opinion the Supreme Court reversed the opinion of the old Court and held that in the adoption of a comprehensive zoning scheme a municipality is not compelled to set apart a portion of its territory for heavy industrial use without regard to its suitability for such a purpose. It further held that the legislative requirement is that zoning seek to conserve the most appropriate use of land—that this depends both on the conditions in the municipality and its present and prospective needs. Such a broad plan of land use for the general welfare is not violative of either the State or Federal Constitutions. In this case there was suitable land for industrial development within the region of the Hackensack River Valley.

But beyond the forward-looking nature of this decision of the Court for municipal development, the cause of roadside control has by this decision received great reinforcement. When in the past municipalities have sought through carefully considered programs to determine how they were to develop their roadsides according to Master Plans and have sought to secure such an orderly development, judges have been prone, upon the pressure of some business interests and a showing in Court, to overrule the zoning ordinances and declare the municipal controls violative of the State Constitution. This is now ended under the Creskill Case. Municipalities hereafter will be able to restrict their own territory to residential purposes or light industries and can exclude heavy industries. A reasonable inference from this decision is that if a municipality wants to preserve the scenic area of its roadsides against commercialism it can do so; it can confine business to a definite zone and exclude it from other areas. In a word, it can develop community growth according to a comprehensive plan.

While the new State Constitution does not provide for either State or County Zoning as such, the principle of zoning as an exercise of the police power in the public interest has now been greatly strengthened by this judicial decision. Towns and cities can now go forward planning their roadside development according to intelligently developed Master Plans. Roadside protection is the public's business; municipalities can now provide the permanent protection needed for the public.

Spencer Miller, Jr.
State Highway Commissioner

FUNDAMENTALS OF SOILS WORK SUBJECT OF SHORT COURSE

Twenty-four men representing the Construction, Projects, and Maintenance Divisions of the State Highway Department recently completed an intensive course in the fundamentals of soils work. This course, which required a week to complete and which was repeated for four different groups, was given by the Soils Division and the Testing Laboratory as the result of a suggestion submitted by Anthony M. Crea.

The aim of the course was to train personnel so that principal engineers would have at least one man capable of performing necessary field controls. Subject matter was divided into tests and their applications, sampling, equipment and care of equipment, cal-

culation, and reports. Each of these four major divisions was in turn subdivided into five items. Instruction duties were divided between Crea of the Soils Division and Ralph Sherman of the Laboratory.

Those who took the full course were: Southern Construction Division—C. B. Franklin, A. R. Heintze, A. W. Hincken, G. M. Pratley, W. Reeves; Central Construction—E. C. Young, K. J. Lamp, G. Greitzer, H. Brown, G. Collins, H. Kinney, J. Ireland, G. Reiker, G. Tindall, H. Cubberly; F. Dean; Northern Construction—J. Parker, W. Schoenwald; Projects Division—F. Cheeseman, A. Young, S. Hand, F. Jaep, H. Richter; Maintenance Division—R. Drake.

Platt Killed By Speeding Driver

Maintenance Man Was Cleaning Catch Basin When Struck

A speeding car driven by a Fort Dix soldier caused the instant death of Joseph G. Platt, 23, of the Maintenance Division, on March 1 near Bordentown. George Klein, also a Highway Department employee who was working with Platt at the time, was injured.



JOSEPH G. PLATT

The accident occurred on State Highway Route 39 in the vicinity of the Bordentown Grill. Platt, who resided at 409 Farnsworth Avenue, in Bordentown, and Klein were cleaning out catch basins when a speeding car, driven by Corporal Raymond Burkley of Fort Dix, struck them. Platt was dragged a distance of 75 feet before the car was brought to a stop.

State Police arrested Burkley who is being held on charges of drunken driving, reckless driving, and manslaughter with automobile. Prior to the accident in which Platt lost his life, witnesses report that Burkley had narrowly escaped several collisions as he zigzagged northward on Route 39.

Platt is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Downs Platt, with whom he had celebrated their first wedding anniversary the day before his death. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Platt and had been employed with the Maintenance Division since June, 1947. During the war he served in the Navy.

In addition to his wife and parents, Platt leaves a brother, John Platt, and his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Platt, both of Bordentown. Funeral services were held from the home of the parents and interment took place in the Bordentown cemetery.

To these survivors THE HIGHWAY extends deepest sympathies on behalf of the Department.

SPRING DINNER
of
THE TEN YEAR CLUB
MONDAY, MAY 2
Lillian-On-The-Lake
ROUTE 43
near
HAMMONTON

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There is contained in the Inter-regional Report an Introduction written by Franklin Delano Roosevelt which sets forth a philosophy concerning the relation between a public improvement and the private property owner which deserves to be studied with care. The quotation from the former President is as follows:

"I always remember the instance of the farmer who was asked to sell a narrow right-of-way through his farm for a main connecting highway. From an engineering point of view it would have been as feasible to build the new highway across the dirt road that ran in front of his house and barn. Actually the owner received from a jury an amount equal to the whole value of the farm. The road was built. The owner of the land thereby acquired two new frontages. He sold lots on one frontage for the former value of his farm. A year or two later he sold the other frontage for the farm value of his farm. The result was that he still had his house and barn and 90 percent of his original acreage, and in addition he had received in cash three times the value of what the whole place was worth in the first instance.

"It hardly seems fair that the hazard of an engineering survey should greatly enrich one man and give no profit to his neighbor, who may have had a right-of-way which was equally good. After all, why should the hazard of engineering give one private citizen an enormous profit? If there is to be an unearned profit, why should it not accrue to the Government—State or Federal, or both?"

SURVEY and PLANS

FRED C. CLAUS

CRANFORD
Jim Roper

After a very serious attack of appendicitis, **Dave Brooks** returned just in time to catch the first day of the latest session of the Group Instruction for Fieldmen. Dave is still under the doctor's care to build himself up in preparation for an operation for the removal of his appendix sometime in the near future.

We want to extend a welcome to **Charles Landis** and **Tom Hayes**. Tom is working with **Henry Meyer**, "Mac" McCoy and "Bud" Cecil on the preliminary field work for Section 8, Route 4 (Parkway). Charlie has been working in the office. Incidentally, Charlie has to arise at about 3:00 a. m. on Monday mornings in order to make connections from his home in Wilmington, Del.

Speaking of early risers, **Rudy Ackerman**'s hobby prompts him to get up in the wee hours of the morning. Rudy has his own "Ham Radio Station" and finds those early hours best for picking up broadcasts from Australia and such "Far Away Places."

Jack Groll is back with us after quite a sustained illness and **Maurice McCabe** is currently working in the office after having spent some time as an inspector on Section 2 and 4A of the Parkway.

The personnel of the Cranford Office wish to extend their sympathy to **Herb Englishman** on the recent loss of his father.

NEWARK
Ralph M. Perry

Harry Stover has resumed activity in the office after a forced rest of about two months. He appears "as good as new," but must be cautious of any laborious work.

Since **Andrew Byrne** has moved into his new home in Florham Park, he finds that spare time is at a premium.

On the first three Mondays of this month the fellows in this area again had the opportunity of hearing what the other departments are doing. Judging from their remarks, the men appreciate these lectures very much.

The following men have recently joined our survey ranks: **Antonius P. DeJough**, junior engineer, trainee; **Edward R. DeFeo**, **Walter Schmidt**, junior engineers, Highway; and **Thomas F. Taylor**, engineering aide.

TRENTON

Al Cohen

Harold W. Giffin attended the Highway convention at Boston, Mass. **Mr. Temperley** had made plans to drive up, but the snow storm which struck at that time caused a sudden change of plans.

Jerry Osborn spent the month of February basking in the Florida sun. The pretty miss in Jerry's office is **Audrey A. Homan**. She is pinch-hitting for **Ed Snyder** who is out on sickleave. Audrey comes to us from the Keystone Automobile Club and is a graduate of Hamilton High. We bid her welcome.

It was nice having **Commissioner Miller** address the group at the opening session of the Third Lecture Series held in Trenton. His remarks focused the attention of the men on some of the considerations being given the complex problems inherent in modern highway design and construction. **Sam Bullock** was the Trenton general chairman of the series and was aided by **Jim Kersey** who acted as one of the session's chairmen. The reaction of the men toward these lectures was very favorable, and it is hoped that they will continue from year to year.

Through this publication this writer wishes to thank **Ollie Doll**, **Charley Meyer**, and **Leon Trane** (who has since left the Department) for being blood donors to my brother during his recent illness.

Jack Evans is sporting a nice coat of tan after a month's vacation in our most southeastern state. Jack and Mrs. Evans, on their drive down and back, visited with their son who is stationed at a Marine Air Base in North Carolina.

PLEASANTVILLE

Sympathy is extended to **Max G. Seckendorff** of the Pleasantville Office upon the recent death of his wife.

UPPER MONTCLAIR

Frank J. Spagnola

"Stripping" isn't popular in our Department—stripping cross-sections, that is; seen working on stripping of earthwork as-built quantities recently were: **Fuca**, **Hansen**, **Miniaci**, and **Data**. **Demarest**, **Haight**, **Simpson**, and **Nicholas** also had a good taste of it for a while, and we know **Maloney** and **DeFeo** are now expert in the art of stripping—they had a nice full share of it.

Our sincere greetings to the following new members of the Department: **William DeFore**, senior engineering aide; **Charles Hirst** and **Wallace Asay**, senior engineers; and **Leroy Sullivan**, principal engineer.

Wondered where **MacMahon**, **Moritz**, **Prestigiacomo**, and **Elliot** were. Now we know—making a field survey in the vicinity of Palisades and Homestead for a future connection from Rt. 5 to Rt. 6.

Pal Berberick pulled a leg muscle recently. It's O.K. now, so we can quip; Howja do it, Frank, too much fast rhumba?

India ink is used on plans—but NOT a bottle at a time, **Mr. Sandwald**!

Saturday, January 29, was quite a day—approximately fifty fellows took the professional engineers' examination in Trenton. From this office were **Kettlewood**, **Simpson**, **Weiss**, **Demarest**, **Bubier** and yours truly.

GLORY BE! Our office has a nice, new coat of paint. In fact, the whole building was painted and redecorated.

Construction Comments

G. H. CONNER

Stewart Mitchell and the Missus took a trip to Mississippi and Florida in their new Plymouth.

"Indian" **Jim Parker** practiced interior decorating in using up his XP time. It took only a week to do the bath room, but he says it is done right.

Maurice Radus and wife have made their annual trek to Miami Beach. Hope he was not reminded of "Sand Drains" while resting on the sands of Miami.

Ernie Thelan is roving the northern part of New Jersey looking for Indian relics to add to his collection while trying to catch up with his XP time.

David Pettigrew is training in Florida—paying special attention to his foot work so that he can cope with the heavy traffic on Route 25.

Chuck Connor and his wife are having a nice vacation in Sarasota, Fla.

Jim Mulhearn has a new Dodge in which he and **Margaret** (Newark Office) can take that well-earned vacation they have been looking forward to.

Tom Farley, our senior construction man, is recovering from a recent illness. You cannot keep a good Irishman down.

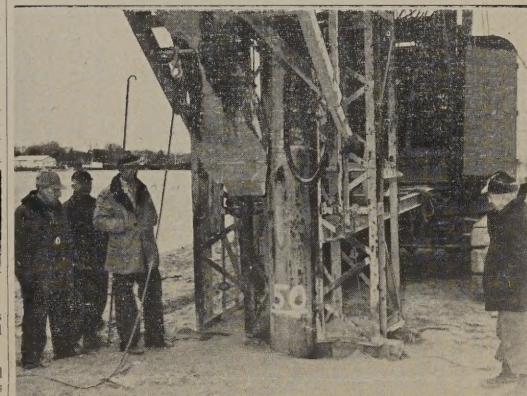
Route 100, Sec. 4B, which is manned by our naval outfit, consists of twelve men, "Admiral" **Vogel** in charge. This is a 24-hour-a-day project with alternating shifts. The sand sucker "Sand Chief" hauls approximately 2000 cu. yds. each trip. We believe this is the first State job where the excavation, as well as the fill, has been constructed by the hydraulic method.

10 YEAR CLUB
SPRING DINNER
Monday, May 2
DON'T FORGET

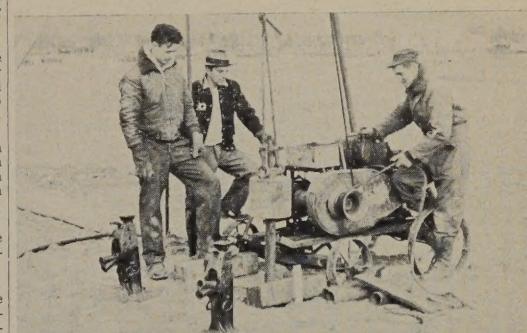


John Farley, Senior Highway Inspector, Oliver A. Deakin, Parkway Engineers, and Anthony Marino, Principal Engineer, watch stone-masons at work on the first section of construction of the Palisades Interstate Parkway which runs from Palisades Avenue north to the Boro of Englewood Cliffs.

MANASQUAN RIVER JOB



Inspectors Bob Woolsey (extreme left) and Bill Harris (extreme right) look on as Principal Engineer George Jorgensen gives the I-told-you-so look when the mandrel on the sand drain apparatus mutely testifies it has reached the solid bottom.



Soils men Treiber and Luciano stand by as the third member of their crew, David Winters, operates the winch in the pore pressure gauge installation operation.



Engineer-in-Charge J. Emory Dederick (left) keeps things rolling smoothly and Irv Campbell puts it on the record.



Here are Joan Petry and Doris DeCarlo, the new editors of a ladies' column which they have tabbed "Glamor Gossip." The girls are employed in the Trenton office of the Maintenance Division. Joan is a clerk-typist and will round out her first year with us on July 15. Doris completed her initial year with the Department on the 29th of March.

GLAMOR GOSSIP

By DORIS and JOAN

Wedding news . . . Delayed congratulations are extended to **Sarah Schulman** of the Administration Division on her marriage to **Samuel Kaplan**. Sarah was given a luncheon by the girls of the same Division. She was a very lucky girl to find an apartment in the home of **Mary Brady**. Best of luck to you and Sam, Sally.

Wedding bells will be ringing for **Betty Wildblood** and **Pete Cimbala**, both of the Administration Division, in May. Good luck to you both, also. By the way, Betty and Pete are looking for an apartment, so if anyone has a vacant attic or cellar they wish to contribute to the cause, it would be greatly appreciated.

Something new has been added to Room 310, a charming Miss by the name of **Ann Dillon**. Hope you'll enjoy working for the Highway, Ann.

A Lenten luncheon was held recently in the home of **Mildred Friedman** for the benefit of the Spiritualist Friendly Church. Among those of the Department who attended were **Viola Gallagher**, **Lavinia Beckner**, **Mary Cunningham**, **Helen Disbrow**, **Eleanor Elston**, **Dorothy Hunt**, **Marilyn Kinter**, and **Mabel Parker**. Good food and good spirits prevailed.

Madge Kiernan has returned to the Department after a two years' absence. Welcome back, Madge!

Our vote for the glamor girl of the month is **Stae Kanyuh**. Stae seems to think she has been around here too long, but in our estimation we need more like her. Just wait until her book is published.

ELECTRICAL FLASHES

JOSEPH MAHAN

Jim Lipari is sporting a fine coat of tan acquired while vacationing last month in Florida.

Frank Force, bridge operator, of Somers Point, was enroute on February 27 to Mont Clare, Delaware, after notification of his father's death there on the 26th, when on a lonely road about 10 miles south of Vineland he saw a car overturned and afire in a wooded section along the roadway. Rushing to the vehicle, Frank broke a window and pulled to safety a man who was unconscious and injured, and a woman who was too dazed to aid herself in any way. Shortly after the couple was removed the gas tank exploded, demolishing the car. Within a few minutes other motorists happened by the scene, and State Police took the injured couple to the Vineland Hospital. Mr. Force, a resident of New Jersey since his discharge from the Army in 1919, has been with the Electrical Division since October 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDevitt celebrated their 40th wedding an-

June Mains and **Ray Birch** were fortunate in having two geese eggs brought to them by **Norm Lister**. They took them over to the cafeteria to be cooked. The meal was so terrific it made the cook sick, but they claim they enjoyed four sandwiches from them.

That constant clop-clop that goes on throughout the Maintenance Division offices is nothing more than **Florence Millerick's** wooden heels. On numerous occasions it has been more or less tactfully suggested that rubber heels would correct the situation but to no avail. By now, though, we have gotten so used to it that we have taught her to march in regular Army cadence. All we need now is some martial music to go along with it.

We hear **Helen Disbrow** has been spending her time knitting argyle socks for the fellas. What do you have to offer the fairer sex in the same line, Helen? With our charge that is.

Betty Levie, of Compensation and Claims Office, is vacationing in Florida—at Miami Beach.

Our mascot, namely **Dottie Jantz**, has been having difficulty in obtaining shoes with a heel high enough so that she can be seen when walking with her best beau. Does anyone have an old pair of stilts to loan Dottie for the Easter parade?

Ella Moore, of the Maintenance Division, will be attending the Daughters of American Revolution National Convention in Washington, D. C., during the week of April 17 to 22. Here's hoping you'll have an enjoyable stay at the capitol, Ella.

Anniversary on February 17 with a celebration at their home in Margate. To both of you, our best wishes for many more happy years together.

A hearty welcome is extended to **Frank Hullfish** who has recently come with us from Projects Division, and **Bob Schrager**, a member of the office force, who has just returned from two years Army duty in Germany.

Bill Emmons, bridge mechanic, was one of the honored guests at a dinner on March 5 at the Deauville Inn, New Bedford, N. J., marking the 20th anniversary of the organization of the Massasoit First Aid Squad. Mr. Emmons was one of the eight original organizers of the squad.

Frank Harris, of Fernwood, acquired a daughter on February 19 when his son, Charles, was married to **Miss Bernadette Garrity**, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

10 Year Club
Dinner
May 2

PLANNING and ECONOMICS

TRENTON
B. T. Patterson

The Planning and Economics Division wishes to extend heartiest congratulations to its newly appointed director, **O. Herbert Fritzache**, who has ably guided the Division since the retirement of Mr. Johannessen some months ago.

Congratulations are also in order for **Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Quinn** who have experienced sixteen years of marital bliss.

A "well done" to **Ben Surasky** for passing his examination and more recently being appointed to senior auditor.

We understand **Rita DeVaney** was a very becoming bridesmaid for the marriage of Catherine Convery, a former State employee.

Sanford L. Bates, chief warrant officer for Trenton Squadron of C. A. P., relates some very interesting stories of the program the organization has for young boys and girls.

Mort Gertel enjoyed a week-end flight to Florida with a friend who also furnished the plane—nice friend.

Max Wagner's talk on "Economics of Highways and Toll Roads" to the group attending lectures to fieldmen was both instructive and thought provoking.

NEWARK
Jack Meyer

We have welcomed several new faces into our group since this column last appeared. They are **Harry Ehrenfeld**, senior engineer; **Nancy Dautel**, **Mollie Kohl**, and **Bob Whelan**, clerks; **Abner Fenn**, senior clerk, and **Anne Parella** and **Mary Scurko**, key punch operators.

Leonard Greene took care of his Christmas shopping early. He removed his name from the list of eligible bachelors the middle of December. Congratulations and our sympathy to your wife.

Sam Guidotti made the Dean's list at NCE. Sam claims it is a mistake, but that kind of mistake but to no avail. By now, though, we have gotten so used to it that we have taught him to march in regular Army cadence. All we need now is some martial music to go along with it.

Fred Baker has joined the rah-rah boys as we have been called. He signed up for an engineering course with ICS.

After several years in the position of clerk, **Charlie Freeman** received his appointment as senior clerk this month. Congratulations, it could not happen to a nicer fellow.

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Our sympathies to **M. K. Scheirer**, whose mother recently passed on in Northampton, Pa.

Peg Beatty attended the ceremonies connected with the inauguration of President Truman in Washington on January 20.

We are happy to welcome **Bob Mellor, Jr.**, and **Bill Hutchinson**, the most recent additions to our staff of employees.

Tom MacRorie spent his vacation with his family in Charlotte, N. C. Tom reports good hunting in the Smoky Mountains, bagging plenty of quail and pheasants. This, as you know, is the locale of Snuffy Smith and his family "corn Squeezins."

Also vacationing, but a bit farther south, **Alice Mayer** reports that St. Petersburg lived up to its reputation as the "Sunshine City."

Fred and Mrs. Baumann have recently returned from Lake Worth, Fla., where they vacationed along with son Leroy and wife. Leroy graduated from Cornell University just prior to starting his vacation.

Florida bound are **Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Decker** to renew acquaint-



Here are five good reasons why the service at our Newark Garage is grade A. In the front row from the left are: John Cullen, Tony Busichio and Stewart Plefederer. The second row, in the same order, shows: J. A. Fitzpatrick, Dick Hawthorne, John Warren and Edward Artaserse. These men are members of the Equipment Division and come under the direction of Thomas Dole.

PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

Tom Kerwin, of Newark, has taken over as Senior Projects Engineer in Ocean County. Tom was formerly a negotiator in the Right-of-Way Legal Division.

Charlie Hunt, thus being relieved of the work in Ocean County, is now concentrating on Middlesex County.

Inspector Joseph Cordo has transferred to the Right-of-Way Division to fill the vacancy left by Kerwin.

Inspector Bill Quinn and Miss Eva Schilling, of Germany, were married on January 12. We wish them good luck.

Frank Harris has returned from his vacation in Florida and seems much improved in health.

Inspector Fred Jaep and his wife, Nina, announce the birth of a daughter, Beatrice Maria, born on February 24.

Marie Berger has left the Projects Division to work next door in the Cigarette Tax Division, and **Dolores Pelcz** has left to get married.

Inspector Irving Noble is again assisting John Ruhlman with his work for a few weeks.

George Cubberley has returned to work after having been out a couple of weeks with the flu.

LABORATORY LINES

CHRIS KUCKER

Best wishes to **Harry Thompson** who was wed on February 5 to Miss Dolores C. Barton. A Miami honeymoon followed. **Winfield Allen** of the Lab acted as best man.

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EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

Among the new grandfathers at Fernwood are **Jack McKeever** and **Marion Blakely**, and by the time this issue is released, **Joe Thiel**.

Sympathy of Fernwood is extended to **Jack Veenstra** on the death of his sister who passed away suddenly at her home in Paterson.

Sporting a new Hudson car which was delivered on his birthday is **Harvey Butterfoss**. The date was March 9 and Harvey admits to being sixty-three years young.

An automobile accident in Trenton brought painful injuries to Mrs. Emma Brockel, wife of **Henry Brockel**, mechanic at Fernwood.

William J. Lawler, one of Fernwood's veterans, passed away at his home on February 21 after a heart attack. Bill, who was familiarly known all over the State, operated a core drill for the past eighteen years and previous to that he operated a whitewash machine which gave him an opportunity of walking all over the State of New Jersey. He entered the employ of the Highway Department on March 14, 1921, and served all of his time in the Equipment Division. He is survived by his wife, one stepson, and a stepdaughter.

SUGGESTION BOX

SUGGESTION WHIMSY

Placid and lazy is the cow, With ne'er a thought to mar her brow,

She chews her cud with calm digestion,

And never heard of a suggestion.

But you and I possess a MIND To work for progress and mankind,

But do we use it? That's the question.

Come! Let's have a good suggestion!

I had six honest serving men— They taught me all I know: Their names are WHY and WHAT and WHERE

And WHEN and WHO and HOW.

If you put these six men to work, they might help you improve the quality of your suggestions—

WHY is it advisable to make the change?

WHAT will it accomplish?

WHERE will it apply—department/division?

WHEN should the change be made?

WHO will be affected by the change?

HOW is the best way to do it?

Submit data, diagrams, and illustrative material.

18th ANNUAL DINNER OF THE BRIDGE DIVISION CLUB—Hotel Robert Treat, Feb. 20



BRIDGE BRIEFS

WILBUR SPENCER

Letters of appreciation and praise are flowing in to Club president **Evans**, complimenting him and the Club on a very pleasant evening at the 18th Annual Dinner.

Ralph Titsworth is now back on the job after a wonderful and well-earned vacation in Florida.

Burch, Simon, and Gabrenas finally decided that it is much cheaper to renovate the old wagon than spend a small fortune on a new one.

About seven men of this Division are eligible for the twenty-five year awards to be presented by the Ten Year Club. It is surprising how time flies.

Recent office visitors were **J. J. Koffler**, **John J. Sheenan**, and **Kenneth S. Yates**.

The grapevine has it—the Club will plan an old fashioned shore clam bake this summer.

W. H. Spencer and **J. J. Koffler** successfully passed the Civil Service examinations for principal engineer.

We of this Division extend a welcome to **Bruno Elsbergas**, the most recent addition to the drafting room. Bruno talks seven languages and is learning the eighth—English.

Fred Hunter's license plates disappeared—of course you know who got the blame.

George Hefferman has been on a diet for several weeks and is enjoying a new profile.

Club president **Evans** pounded the gavel so hard in Newark that it disappeared.

Stan Kanyuh continues to treat the office with a daily new look.

Nick Dondiego returned from Arizona overflowing with ambition.

Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

The Maintenance Division office employees, and more especially **Doris and Joan**, recently gave **Joe Hunt** quite a welcome on his birthday. The two gals went into town one day and got one of those big, delicious coconut layer cakes and then proceeded to decorate it with the appropriate number of candles, the exact number of which we are not at liberty to divulge. We did notice, though, that they had quite a bit of trouble getting all the candles on the cake.

We are glad to report that **Charlie McGinnis**, off sick for a while, is now better and back on the job once again.

Johnny Jones, Maintenance inspector in the Newark area, ill for

some weeks, is now definitely on the mend.

Looks like the only one to represent the Maintenance Division at the annual Highway Convention, held this year in Boston, was **Mr. Muir**. He reports that the convention was a huge success, but that there seemed to be just a little too much snow up there to suit him.

Foreman Charlie Pfeffer, recently on the sick list, writes from Florida that he is improving quite a bit, now that he is getting plenty of good sunshine.

We regretfully report that quite a number of our employees have recently passed away. We wish to extend our sympathies to the families and relatives of the following:

Michael Tesauro, an employee of the Department since 1938, with **George Behn**'s gang, died on March 6, 1949, at the age of 62. **Mark Endicott**, employed with the Department since 1935 under **Foreman John Thomson**, died on February 22, 1949, at the age of 74.

Joseph Kuletz, with the Department since 1934, in **Foreman Lussy's** gang, died January 28, 1949.

George Linton, with the Department since 1939, in **Foreman Parillo's** gang, died January 29, 1949.

We wish to report that **Earl Storer** has now moved his offices from the Annex to his new quarters in Sign Building No. 21, at Fernwood. Earl says that Fernwood seemed to be a more appropriate place for him, since practically all of his sign work starts from there. This allows him to be in closer touch with his activities.

We have recently received a copy of the "Salem Standard and Jerseyman," a newspaper of Salem, N. J. In it, the editor has quite a column concerning Andrew Smith Reeves, father of **Archer Reeves**, one of our employees. It seems that the elder Reeves held several important offices in his time, among them being County collector. He also was a member of the New Jersey House of Assembly from Salem County. He managed to acquire quite a bit of the history of Salem County and, we imagine, has passed it on to his son, Archer. Anybody wanting information about the past, as well as the present history of Salem County, might do well to contact Arch.

We are sorry to announce that **Paul P. Ljutich**, with the Maintenance Division offices since 1940, is leaving us, having been transferred to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control in Newark. He leaves for his new assignment with all of our best wishes and his absence will be sorely missed by this Division.

Administration Division

BILL WARD

Elgin R. Mayer has been raised to the position of principal accountant of the Cost Accounting Department. Mayer, a veteran of World War I, attended Rider College and entered the Department in 1921.

Comes winter and almost everyone starts to dream of Florida. **Otto Wolf** did more than dream, he went there. **Eddie Ristow**, however, reversed the trend and trekked to Canada. Reaching a place called New Carlisle, which must be somewhere near the North Pole, he was met by a dog sled. There was three feet of snow on the ground, but to welcome the visitor another eight inches fell soon after his arrival. Eddie honestly likes that kind of stuff.

Irving Schmidt, after long service with the Department, resigned to accept a position as principal clerk with the Temporary Disability Insurance office.

Chester Ridley, Whitney Myers, and **Martin Ducko**, of the Projects Division, have been temporarily assigned to this office. Good guys, all.

Ed McCardell, a proud father if there ever was, announces that his son, Ed, Jr., recently with the Department of Law, has joined the firm of Jamieson and Walsh, attorneys at law.

John Egan, the stargazer, hasn't

been to New York in two months, which recalls the old tune, "I Can Do Without Broadway, but Can Broadway Do Without Me?" Or does it?

We have a new IBM machine in this office. You press a button, the machine starts and a light flashes, "Hi Ya." A little informal, maybe, but the right spirit.

In the last issue this column reported the catch of a sailfish by a member of this office. It has since transpired that the size and weight of the fish, as recorded here, were both incorrect.

SAND DRAINS USED ON BRIDGE APPROACH

Installation of vertical sand drains is drawing a lot of attention at the shore these days and keeping the State Highway men well occupied on the new Manasquan River bridge approach fill.

Principal Engineer **J. Emory Dederick** is in charge for the Construction Division on the \$700,000 project with Senior Inspector **Irving Campbell** as his office man, **Louis Galloni**, principal engineer, heads the inspection forces, with Assistant Engineers **Bob Woolsey** and **Bill Harris** assisting.

The survey party is headed by **Principal Engineer George Jorgensen** and includes **Chick Traford**, **Charlie Smyth** and **Warren Turner**. They all are working out of **T. E. Olsen's** Perth Amboy office of the Survey and Plans Division.

Soils men are busy on the job sinking pore pressure gauges beneath the fill under the direction of **Jim Schuyler**. They include **Russ Treiber**, **Daniel Luciano** and **Dave Winters**.



The owner's award, significant of first place in the moveable bridge section, is accepted by Commissioner Spencer Miller, J., on behalf of the State Highway Department at recent dinner of the Bridge Division Club. The presentation of this national honor is being made by T. R. Higgins on behalf of the American Institute of Steel Construction.



Morris Goodkind, State Highway Bridge Engineer, accepts the designer's award for the Absecon Boulevard Bridge on Route 56 from T. R. Higgins, Director of Engineering of the American Institute of Steel Construction at the annual dinner of the Bridge Division Club at the Hotel Robert Treat in Newark.